



Tyler Henderson at work on the new Pattengill Middle School project.

06-052106-01

CRAFT II Students Working On Bond Project

Three seniors in the Eastern High School CRAFT II class have been hired as apprentice carpenters on Lansing School District's new Pattengill Middle School.

Tyler Henderson and **David Suarez**, both J. W. Sexton students, began working on the new Pattengill Middle School in March. Tyler was hired by Moore Trosper Construction of Holt. David is working for Bouma Interiors of Okemos. **Daniel Wilson**, of Everett, will work with Moore Trosper Construction on the high school renovations beginning in May.

The students take their core classes in the morning at their respective schools before reporting to their work sites in the afternoon. The jobs are School to Registered Apprenticeships and put them on track to become a journeyman in four years. The hours they work now go toward the 8,000 hours of on-the-job training that they need. At that point they could be licensed or certified to operate as carpenters in Michigan.



Tyler Henderson

The Career Readiness And Fitness Training, or CRAFT, curriculum is the first of its kind in mid-Michigan. CRAFT I, offered at Eastern, Everett, and J. W. Sexton, gives students an overview of the building trades. They learn labor laws and complete 10 hours of training for their Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration certification.

The students take field trips to Lansing Community College to learn about the electrical, pipefitting and welding trades; Perry Labor School to learn about pouring concrete; and Carpenter School in Mason. They also complete a hands on project, and write cover letters and resumes.



David Suarez

To get into CRAFT II taught at Eastern, CRAFT I students had to put together a portfolio that includes a record of their work, letters of recommendation, attendance and discipline reports, and a transcript. They were interviewed by a panel of District administrators and contractors.

Tyler and David were selected by a panel of District administrators and contractors to interview with the two employers. Now they can get their hands-on experience installing metal studs and drywall, and hanging door jams.



Daniel Wilson

"We hope this is just the beginning of getting students out onto job sites," said CRAFT II instructor Debra Reemsnyder.

Mike Crawford
372-3080